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PDC ASKS ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE SECOND SUIT AGAINST 3RD RUNWAY INVESTORS

Olympia – The Public Disclosure Commission, at its meeting yesterday, voted 4-0 to ask the Attorney General to file suit against Des Moines area investors, **TME Capital Group LLC (Elling Halvorson, Catherine Boshaw, Doug Edlund, John Taylor, Lon Halvorson, E. Kent Halvorson, Tim Teteak, and David Chavalier), Environmental Materials Transport, LLC, and Hank Hopkins.**

The parties are investors in a project to build a conveyor system that will transport fill to the third runway site at SeaTac airport.

The Commission referred the case after finding apparent violations that the investors 1) failed to register and report to the PDC when they collectively spent \$60,000 to support 2001 Des Moines City Council candidates and 2) concealed their identity when they gave contributions to candidates.

“The Public Disclosure Law provides transparency to the political process so that voters know who is contributing to candidates and what the contributors’ interests are,” said PDC Chairman Mike Connelly. “These contributors worked to cloud that transparency.”

The Commission referred a similar case to the Attorney General after they found that these investors concealed their identity when they gave contributions to Des Moines City Council candidates in 1999. The parties settled that case and agreed to pay a \$40,000 penalty and the Commission’s costs of \$3,000.

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